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Mr. Hotvedt Hearing Officer Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37238

Dear Mr. Hotvedt:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and ITC^DeltaCom jointly request an extension of seven (7) days to finalize ongoing settlement negotiations concerning Petition Issues (1a) Performance Measures and Guarantees, (3 (1) and (2)) —Reciprocal Compensation, and (2biii)(a) and (b) Extended Loops. BellSouth also requests deferral of Issues 2(b)(ii) and 8(f) for further discussion between the Parties. However, the Parties request the TRA issue its arbitration decision on the remaining issues. We appreciate the Authority's patience and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Nanette S. Edwards Regulatory Attorney

